



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/686,931	10/16/2003	Hans-Joerg Zobel	163-44

23869  
 HOFFMANN & BARON, LLP  
 6900 JERICHO TURNPIKE  
 SYOSSET, NY 11791

CONFIRMATION NO. 4574

## FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000012065834\*

Date Mailed: 03/10/2004

## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 02/24/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 01/16/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$54** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

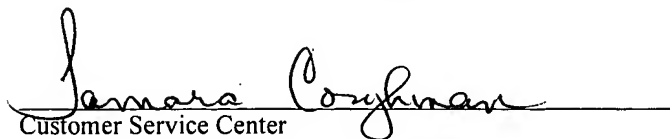
Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$54** for a Large Entity

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$54**
  - **\$54** for 3 total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

---

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

  
Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY